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## **House Intelligence Chairman Statement on Media Reports**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra, R-Mich., Chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, issued the following statement:

“Once again another politically motivated leak alleging U.S. national security practices threatens to undermine our nation’s safety. Rather than allow our intelligence professionals to maintain a laser focus on the terrorists, we are once again mired in a debate about what our intelligence community may or may not be doing.

“The time has come for a choice: Should we be arguing about the Terrorist Surveillance Program or should we continue using it to stop al-Qaeda?

“I will not comment on today’s harmful speculation with respect to intelligence sources and methods. I do, however, want to emphasize that I have been briefed repeatedly on the Terrorist Surveillance Program as has Ms. Harman and other Members of the Committee as provided for by the law. As I have said many times in the past, no substantive legal objection to the program has ever been raised in those briefings, nor am I aware of any reason to believe that the program is not in full compliance with the Constitution and the laws of the United States.”